IDRC/CIDA funded project
“Enhancing food security of rural families through production, processing and value addition of regional staple food grains in India”
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Responsibilities and Duties:
- Conducted tests for the optimization of the rubber roller mill for millets:
  - Ran samples through the mill
  - Sorted the fractions and calculated the de-hulling efficiency

- Interacted with village farmers to compare the rubber roller mill with the existing emery mill:
  - Demonstrated the operation of the mill
  - Estimated energy and electricity requirements (cost, accessibility)
  - Evaluated consumer acceptability of the mill and of the quality of the de-hulled grain

What I learned:
- How to make decisions more independently
- Some of the local language, Kannada

Other relevant information:
- CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) and IDRC (International Development Research Council) by definition are involved with international development projects, so you should have an interest in supporting such projects and possibly with working abroad
- Working in another country can be both rewarding and challenging

Challenges that I faced:
- Not understanding the local language and therefore relying on others to translate
- Cultural differences in social interactions

Rewards that I felt:
- Seeing your project come to life (seeing it transfer from the classroom to village use)
- Knowing that the project can provide a benefit to people